

Application No.: 10/732,959 (K-C Docket No. 16,514)

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**Listing of Claims**

Please cancel claims 1 – 23 as currently pending:

Claims 1 – 23 (cancelled).

Please enter claims 24 – 62 as follows:

24. (Previously presented) An elastomeric article comprising an elastomeric latex substrate impregnated with a plurality of elastomeric fibers having a length substantially greater than the width of the fibers.
25. (Previously presented) The article of claim 24 wherein the fibers are entangled with one another and partially melted into the body of and onto the surface of the elastomeric latex substrate.
26. (Previously presented) The article of claim 24 wherein the fibers form a layer partially overlying the elastomeric latex substrate.
27. (Previously presented) The article of claim 26 wherein the fiber layer is thicker than the elastomeric latex substrate.
28. (Previously presented) The article of claim 27 wherein the fiber layer is from about one times to about two times as thick as the elastomeric latex substrate.
29. (Previously presented) The article of claim 26 wherein the fiber layer is thinner than the elastomeric latex substrate.
30. (Previously presented) The article of claim 29 wherein the fiber layer is from about one quarter to about one times as thick as the elastomeric latex substrate.
31. (Previously presented) The article of claim 24 wherein the fibers are generally smaller than about 10 microns in average diameter prior to deposition onto the elastomeric latex substrate and once deposited onto the elastomeric latex substrate, the fibers flatten and spread to about 20 microns across an interface formed between the elastomeric latex substrate and the fiber.
32. (Previously presented) The article of claim 24 comprising any of a glove, a condom, a boot, an incontinent pad, a blanket, and apparel.
33. (Previously presented) The article of claim 24 wherein the elastomeric latex substrate is selected from the group consisting of a latex polymer, a synthetic rubber, a nitrile polymer, and a neoprene polymer.
34. (Withdrawn) An elastomeric article comprising an elastomeric latex substrate combined with a plurality of tacky polymeric fibers, the fibers forming a coherent mat and at least partially adhering to one another.
35. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 34 having at least one surface completely coated by the fibers.

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36. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 34 having wherein the elastomeric latex substrate is enveloped within the coherent mat of fibers.
37. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 34 wherein the fibers are at least partially impregnated within the elastomeric latex substrate.
38. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 34 wherein the fibers are selected from the group consisting of meltblown fibers and nanofibers.
39. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 34 wherein the fibers are continuous.
40. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 34 wherein the fibers are elastomeric.
41. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 34 comprising an interface between the elastomeric latex substrate and the plurality of tacky polymeric fibers.
42. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 34 comprising a porous structure capable of containing and releasing a treatment.
43. (New) An elastomeric article comprising: an elastomeric latex substrate, and a layer of elastic, polymeric fibers either covering or impregnating at least a portion of said latex substrate, said polymeric fibers having a thermally bonded interface with said latex substrate, or are partially melted and intermeshed with one another.
44. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein when said polymeric fibers cover a surface of said latex substrate, said polymer fibers exhibit at least partial deformation from a standard conformation.
45. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 2, wherein said polymeric fiber having an original dimension that flattens and spreads up to about 2 times original dimension, and forms a near continuous interface with said latex substrate.
46. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 2, wherein said polymer fiber are at least partially melted and resolidified either into or onto said latex substrate surface.
47. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said polymer fibers are either partially or fully embedded within said latex substrate.
48. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said article incorporates pulp fibers, having an average fiber length of greater than about 1 mm.
49. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said article incorporates thermomechanical pulp fibers.
50. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said article includes an additional elastomeric component.

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51. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said polymer fibers are entangled with one another.
52. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said polymeric fiber layer is thicker than said latex substrate.
53. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 10, wherein said polymeric fiber layer is from about 100% to about 200% the thickness of said latex substrate.
54. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said polymeric fiber layer is thinner than said latex substrate.
55. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 12, wherein said polymeric fiber layer is from about 25% to about 90% the thickness of said latex substrate.
56. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said article is a glove, a condom, a boot, an incontinence pad, a blanket, a sheet, or an apparel.
57. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 1, wherein said latex substrate is a material selected from the group consisting of a natural rubber latex, a synthetic polymer latex, a nitrile polymer, and a neoprene polymer.
58. (New) An elastomeric article comprising a coherent mat of polymeric fibers at least partially coating a surface of an elastomeric latex substrate, such that said polymeric fibers adhere to one another, and said polymeric fibers have a thermally bonded interface with said latex substrate.
59. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 16, wherein said polymeric fibers envelopes said latex substrate within said coherent mat.
60. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 16, wherein said polymer fibers impregnated at least partially said latex substrate.
61. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 16, wherein said polymeric fibers are continuous and elastomeric.
62. (New) The elastomeric article according to claim 16, wherein said article comprises a porous structure adapted to contain and release a treatment.